Moll between NIFT and Government of Goa

862. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Institute of Fashion Technology has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Goa, for imparting learning in fashion technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of courses, NIFT is proposed to start in Goa under the MoU?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELAGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed to impart technical support to Government of Goa by NIFT Centre, Mumbai.

(b) NIFT will not conduct any course of its own. The Government of Goa will conduct courses in Fashion Technology & Management with the technical support of NIFT, Mumbai.

(c) As per the terms and conditions of the MoU, NIFT will assist Government of Goa in curriculum design, academic planning and scheduling of various fashion technology and management courses.

National Policy on Jute

863. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has unveiled a National Policy on jute, so as to give a fillip to export of jute and jute products;

(b) what are the salient features of the jute policy;

(c) how the policy emphasized the need to develop next generation jute machinery, which is very vital for exporting our jute products to other countries of the world;

(d) what is India's share in the jute exports of the world;